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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLISH-SWEDISH DIFFERENCES OVER VISITOR VISAS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON VICE DIRECTOR OF MFA'S CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ON JULY 3 AND ASKED FOR READING ON GOP POLICY TOWARDS ISSUANCE OF VISITOR VISAS TO PERSONS OF POLISH/JEWISH ORIGIN WHO LEFT POLAND LEGALLY AND NOW POSSESS CITIZENSHIP OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. IN REPLY, VICE DIRECTOR SAID THAT ALL VISA APPLICANTS, REGARDLES OF WHO THEY MAY BE, ARE CONSIDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT GOP HAD NO PARTICULAR VISA POLICY CONCERNING THE GROUP IN QUESTION, VICE DIRECTOR SAID THAT WOULD BE LOGICAL CONCLUSION, AND RESTATED PRECEDING COMMENT ON CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NETHERLANDS EMBASSY, AS REPRESENTING POWER FOR GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, AND DANISH MIGRATED DURING PERIOD 1967-1970. NEITHER EMBASSY IS AWARE OF ANY PARTICULAR POLICY OF GOP TOWARDS PERSONS OF POLISH/JEWISH ORIGIN. NEITHER CAN CITE ANY BUT A FEW ISOLATED CASES OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS WHICH HAVE COME TO THEIR ATTENTION. BOTH EMBASSIES POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT CASES WOULD ONLY COME TO THEIR ATTENTION ON THE EVENT THAT IN-

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DIVIDUALS INVOLVED FOR SOME REASON INFORMED THEM OF DETAILS.

3. AS FOR US, WE ARE AWARE OF CASE OF A WOMAN WHO LEFT IN 1969  
AS WIFE OF POLISH JEW AND ON SAME TERMS, I.E., ON THE BASIS  
OF A "KARTA PODROZY" STATING THAT SHE WAS NO LONGER  
CONSIDERED TO BE A POLISH CITIZEN. SHE ENTERED U.S. AS AN  
IMMIGRANT IN 1972 AND IS CURRENTLY VISITING POLAND, HAVING  
ENTERED ON BASIS OF HER ALIEN REENTRY PERMIT IN WHICH  
POLISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK STAMPED VISA. WHILE IT  
STANDS TO REASON THAT GOP WOULD LOOK AT VISA APPLICATIONS  
FROM SUCH PERSONS OF POLISH/JEWISH ORIGIN VERY CLOSELY, BASED  
ON EVIDENCE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, WE CAN SEE NO BASIS TO SUPPORT  
VIEW THAT GOP HAS AN ACROSS-THE BOARD VISAS REFUSAL  
POLICY FOR SUCH PERSONS.  
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